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## Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI8749, OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: GOI PROPOSES US OBSERVER STATUS AT SAARC

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05NEWDELHI8749	2005-11-17 13:25	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/india-us-relations/article2043144.ece>

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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: GOI PROPOSES US OBSERVER STATUS AT SAARC

Classified By: PolCouns Geoffrey Pyatt, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

**1.** (U) For SA: SEE ACTION REQUEST PARA 8.

**2.** (C) Summary: In a surprise development, the GOI has told us that it would welcome US participation as an Observer to SAARC. At a South As  
SAARC Opens Up: US, China, Japan and Afghanistan  
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**3.** (C) MEA Joint Secretary (SAARC) P.K. Kapur suggested to PolCouns on November 16 that the GOI is interested in American participation as ar

**4.** (C) Kapur indicated that India looked forward to Afghanistan's membership in SAARC and confirmed rumors that Nepal attempted to block the  
SIPDIS Summit went "Better than Expected"  
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**5.** (U) Kapur was upbeat about the results of the twice-rescheduled summit and prospects for January 2006 SAFTA implementation. In addition to  
PM Singh's SAARC Vision  
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**6.** (C) Kapur commented on the positive reaction at the Summit to PM Singh's plenary speech, and was hopeful that his proposal for an Open Ski  
Comment: Opportunity Knocks  
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**7.** (C) If we want a closer association with SAARC, now is the time to move. This is the first we have heard of any GOI interest in US involv

**8.** (C) ACTION REQUEST: We request an instruction from Washington conveying US appreciation for supporting our SAARC observer status.

**9.** (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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